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For: **METHODS FOR TREATING ARTHRITIS PAIN**

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the remarks provided below.

Conrad 08 5/25/06